

1. Apparatus for reducing distortion in a high-resolution switching amplifier

2 of the type wherein multiple references are switched to a load in accordance with an input signal, comprising:

a source of a primary reference signal; and circuitry for calibrating a secondary reference signal as a function of the primary

6 reference signal when the input signal is zero.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the secondary reference signal

approaches the value of the integral of the primary reference at a pulse-width of one.

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3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the circuitry includes:

a comparator connected across the load; and

an integrator connected to receive the output of the comparator.

4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the circuitry further includes:

a pulse-width modulator connected to the output of the integrator.

5. A method of reducing distortion in a high-resolution switching amplifier

of the type wherein primary and secondary references are switched to a load in accordance with an input signal, the method comprising the steps of:

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comparing the integral of the primary reference to the integral of the voltage across the load when the input is zero; and

pulse-width modulating the result of the comparison for use as the secondary reference.